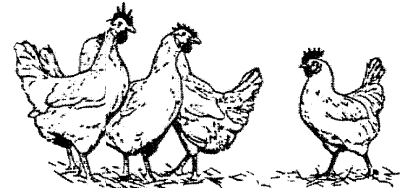


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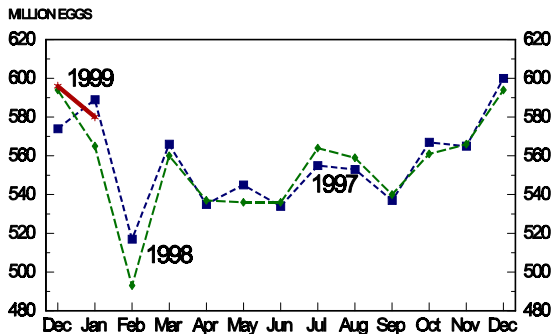
CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during January totaled 580 million, 16.0 million less than last month, but 15.0 million more than last January. Average number of layers during the month totaled 26.6 million, 4 percent above January 1998. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,180, compared to 2,261 last month and 2,219 in January 1998.

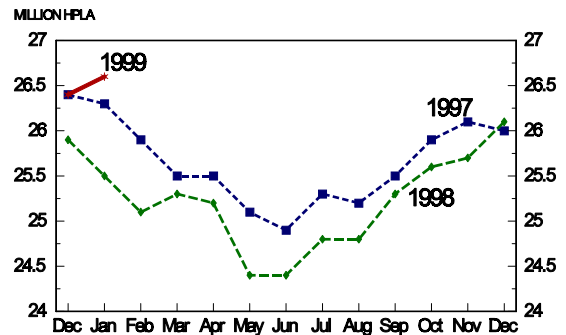
U.S. JANUARY EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 6.97 billion during January 1999, up 3 percent from the 6.77 billion produced in 1998. Production included 5.89 billion table eggs and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 66.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during January 1999 averaged 322 million, up 3 percent from the total average number of layers during January 1998. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,164 eggs, down fractionally from 2,169 eggs in January 1998.

EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER, 1997-1999



AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER, 1997-1999



LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING JANUARY, FORCED MOLTING AS OF FEBRUARY 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent		Percent	
Alabama	322,196	11,127	2,004	1,950	214	217	3.0	0.5	9.5	12.5
Arkansas	15,003	15,048	1,833	1,901	275	286	2.0	3.0	11.0	7.5
California	25,465	26,606	2,219	2,180	565	580	8.5	8.0	36.5	36.5
Georgia	20,548	21,540	2,112	2,080	434	448	6.0	6.5	17.0	19.0
Indiana	21,822	21,859	2,250	2,246	491	491	2.5	3.5	23.5	31.0
Iowa	22,058	25,104	2,226	2,175	491	546	3.5	4.5	28.5	29.0
North Carolina	11,456	11,471	1,894	1,944	217	223	2.0	1.5	8.5	7.0
Ohio	27,483	30,410	2,281	2,243	627	682	3.5	5.0	11.5	14.5
Pennsylvania	22,415	22,701	2,306	2,335	517	530	7.0	5.5	16.5	19.0
Texas	17,116	17,587	2,133	2,098	365	369	7.0	6.0	22.0	24.5
United States	311,876	322,196	2,169	2,164	6,766	6,973	5.2	4.9	21.0	22.0

1998 CALIFORNIA HPLA AND EGG PRODUCTION

Month	Average Number of HPLA			Eggs Per 100 Layers			Total Egg Production		
	1997	1998	1998/1997	1997	1998	1998/1997	1997	1998	1998/1997
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
December ^{1/}	26,421	25,961	98	2,271	2,265	100	600	588	98
January	26,270	25,465	97	2,242	2,219	99	589	565	96
February	25,956	25,131	97	1,992	1,962	98	517	494	96
March	25,478	25,280	99	2,222	2,215	100	566	560	99
April	25,474	25,160	99	2,100	2,134	102	535	537	100
May	25,096	24,382	97	2,172	2,198	101	545	536	98
June	24,926	24,373	98	2,142	2,199	103	534	538	101
July	25,255	24,758	98	2,198	2,278	104	555	564	102
August	25,235	24,815	98	2,191	2,253	103	553	559	101
September	25,516	25,283	99	2,105	2,136	101	537	540	101
October	25,881	25,616	99	2,191	2,190	100	567	561	99
November	26,091	25,702	99	2,165	2,202	102	565	566	100
Avg./Total	25,633	25,161	98	2,166	2,188	101	6,663	6,608	99

^{1/} December of previous year.

U.S. BROILER HATCH UP 3 PERCENT

The January 1999 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 735 million, was up 3 percent from January of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 607 million on February 1, 1999, up 3 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.06 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during January 1999. This was up 4 percent from January 1998.

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED DOWN 4 PERCENT

Egg-type chicks hatched during January totaled 35.7 million, down 4 percent from January 1998. Eggs in incubators totaled 33.9 million on February 1, 1999, up 3 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 166 thousand during January 1999. This was down 12 percent from January 1998.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, JANUARY

State	1998	1999	¹⁹⁹⁹ ¹⁹⁹⁸
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	91,027	97,270	107
Arkansas	106,893	108,197	101
Delaware	15,672	15,575	99
Florida	9,544	9,896	104
Georgia	108,521	112,588	104
Maryland	31,137	31,056	100
Mississippi	62,878	65,663	104
North Carolina	60,048	62,462	104
Pennsylvania	12,796	13,125	103
South Carolina	14,774	16,423	111
Texas	45,737	48,386	106
Virginia	23,454	23,788	101
California, Tennessee & West Virginia	37,676	39,365	104
Other States ^{1/}	90,419	91,554	101
UNITED STATES	710,576	735,348	103

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, JANUARY

State	1998	1999	¹⁹⁹⁹ ¹⁹⁹⁸
	Thousands		Percent
Arkansas	825	607	74
Florida	1,177	1,291	110
Georgia	2,142	2,194	102
Indiana	7,467	7,059	95
Iowa	3,644	3,974	109
Kansas	130	295	227
Minnesota	1,935	1,776	92
Missouri	369	310	84
Pennsylvania	5,317	5,002	94
Other States ^{1/}	14,228	13,145	92
UNITED STATES	37,234	35,653	96

^{1/} Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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EGGS IN INCUBATORS, FEBRUARY 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	1998	1999	1999/1998	1998	1999	1999/1998
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	12,187	11,800	97	5,692	6,904	121
East North Central	7,426	7,166	96	8,665	7,473	86
West North Central	21,795	22,381	103	6,149	7,208	117
South Atlantic	223,638	231,526	104	4,106	4,515	110
South Central	304,098	311,647	102	3,801	3,985	105
West	21,693	22,892	106	4,479	3,791	85
UNITED STATES	590,837	607,412	103	32,892	33,876	103

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average January prices received by California producers, when compared to December prices, decreased 1.5 cents for broilers and 3 cents for turkeys. Market eggs increased 60 cents per dozen from last month.

Nationally, the January average prices received by producers decreased 1.1 cents per pound for broilers and 6.3 cents per pound for turkeys. Market eggs decreased 4.7 cents per dozen.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY PRODUCERS, COMPARISONS 1/

Commodity	Unit	January 1998	Dec. 15, 1998	Jan. 15, 1999
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	35.3	42.0	40.5
Market Eggs <u>2/</u>	Doz.	55.0	71.0	65.0
Turkeys	Lb.	41.0	45.0	42.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	34.4	39.0	37.9
Market Eggs <u>2/</u>	Doz.	51.1	62.9	58.2
Turkeys	Lb.	34.0	41.1	34.8

- 1/ The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by producers. They are averages for all grades, classes and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.
- 2/ Average for market (table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

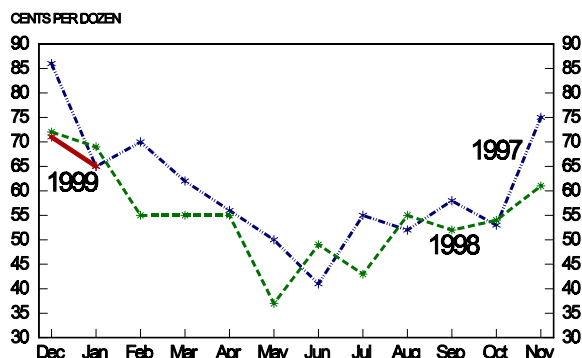
Turkey eggs in incubators on February 1, 1999 in the United States totaled 31.5 million, down 6 percent from February 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were down slightly from the January 1 total of 31.6 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central, up 4 percent; West North Central, up 8 percent; North and South Atlantic, down 18 percent; South Central, down 15 percent; and West, down 2 percent.

ALL TURKEYS

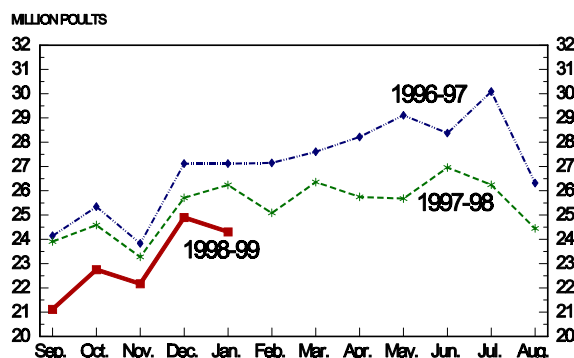
Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators February 1		1999 1998	Poults Placed during Jan. 1/		1999 1998
	1998	1999		1998	1999	
	Thousands	Thousands	Pct.	Thousands	Thousands	Pct.
E N Central	4,703	4,885	104	3,437	3,160	92
W N Central	9,427	10,187	108	7,885	8,164	104
N&S Atlantic	11,730	9,560	82	9,151	7,695	84
S. Central	4,023	3,436	85	3,421	2,763	81
West	3,521	3,452	98	2,346	2,526	108
U.S.	33,404	31,520	94	26,240	24,308	93

- 1/ Excludes exported poults.

MARKET EGG PRICES, CALIFORNIA DECEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER, 1997-1999



TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS, UNITED STATES SEPTEMBER THROUGH AUGUST, 1996-99

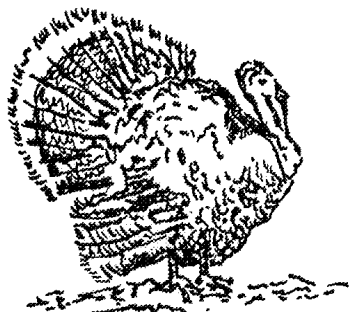


TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES 1/

Month	Total All Breeds		98-99 97-98	Cumulative Total		98-99 97-98
	1997-98	1998-99		1997-98	1998-99	
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Sept.	23,907	21,124	88	23,907	21,124	88
Oct.	24,587	22,750	93	48,494	43,874	91
Nov.	23,281	22,167	95	71,775	66,041	92
Dec. 2/	25,711	24,895	97	97,486	91,026	93
Jan.	26,240	24,308	93	123,726	115,334	93
Feb.	25,093			148,819		
Mar.	26,362			175,181		
Apr.	25,747			200,928		
May	25,677			226,605		
June	26,957			253,562		
July	26,247			279,809		
Aug.	24,450			304,259		

- 1/ Excludes exported poults.

- 2/ Revised 1998-99 total all breeds data.



PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	January 31, 1998	December 31, 1998 a/	January 31, 1999	Jan. 1999 Jan. 1998	Jan. 1999 Dec. 1998
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	70,875	40,967	50,932	72	124
Chickens	Lbs.	40,435	32,400	33,482	83	103
Ducks	Lbs.	572	79	82	14	104
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	111,882	73,446	84,496	76	115
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	497,583	304,309	365,645	73	120
Chickens	Lbs.	658,272	717,349	714,160	108	100
Ducks	Lbs.	2,286	3,757	4,092	179	109
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,158,141	1,025,415	1,083,897	94	106
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	12,049	11,034	11,133	92	101

a/ Revised.